MR. V. J. OOMMEN (*Commerce and Industry, North*) : സർ, അതി ഗൗരവമായ ഒരുസംഗതി പ്രസിഡൻറിൻെറ ദൃഷ്ടിയിൽ എനിക്കു കൊണ്ടുവരാനുണ്ട്. അതിലേക്ക് കുറെസമയംഅനുവദിച്ചു തരണമെന്ന്ഞാൻ അപേക്ഷിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

PRESIDENT: Unless you had given me notice beforehand, I cannot allow you to start anything up here.

## PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT *re* ADJOURNMENT MOTION ON THE TOLLS IN THE QUILON-ALLEPPEY ROAD.

PRESIDENT : I wish to state for the information of the House that, according to the announcement made at the last sitting of the Council with reference to the adjournment motion tabled by Mr. A. S. Damodaran Asan regarding the grievances of the owners of buses plying between Alleppey and Quilon, I invited some members of the House, the members from Shertallai, Alleppey, Mavelikara, Karunagapalli and Quilon, to meet me for a consultation on that subject. We met on Saturday evening and had the consultation. It was found that the two Municipalities of Quilon and Alleppey have fixed their tolls at Rs. 2 per bus per diem. That however is only nominal because the liability to pay this toll of Rs. 2 a day can be compounded by the payment of Rs. 60 a year or Rs. 30 half yearly which works out at something less than 3 annas per diem. It was found therefore that any reduction in the Municipal tolls would not give any appreciable relief. It was suggested that the rate of Rs. 2½ that is now fixed for the tolls at Neendakara and Nangyarkulangara might be reduced at least by half a rupee each. Government are proposing action on these lines.

The House will now proceed to continue the discussion on the Excise Demand.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : With reference to the announcement that has now been made, Sir, the statement does not .....

PRESIDENT : I do not allow that statement to be discussed.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : We do not want to discuss that statement. But that statement does not satisfy our demands. Therefore it has to be made clear.

PRESIDENT : This is not the time or the way to do that. I have ruled that the statement cannot be discussed now.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : But we have the right to protest against such tactics adopted by Government.

MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Ag. Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : The member is out of order, Sir.

PRESIDENT : Mr. Nilakanta Pillai, I have asked you to stop speaking on that point. I have told you I do not allow the statement to be discussed here ; and you are not obeying the Chair. Will you please sit down ?

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**MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): But I can go out of the Council as a protest.

(Messrs. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai, N. K. Krishna Pillai, A. Thanu Pillai, A. S. Damodaran Asan, L. R. Rajaraja Varma Koiltampuran, Muruvelil Pachu Pillai, H. B. Mahomed Rowther and R. Kesava Pillai, then walked out.)

## DEMANDS FOR GRANTS.—(*contd.*)

### DEMAND III—EXCISE DEPARTMENT—(*contd.*)

***Motion No. 93***—(*contd.*)

**MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): I wish to make one or two observations with regard to the policy now pursued by the Excise Department in regard to the prevention of illicit distillation. Sir, as all of us know, the Abkari Regulation was enacted with a view to prevent traffic of illicit liquor and not as a revenue measure. That being the case, Sir, I ask the present Excise Commissioner in what all ways he has been working to prevent this illicit traffic. From the Administration Reports of his predecessors in office it is seen that a fall in the detection of offences was considered by them as an indication of lack of vigilance on the part of the officers concerned. From the Review of the Reports by Government for the past several years it is seen that Government also accepted that view and reprimanded or censured the officers on that ground. I shall substantiate my statement, Sir, by referring to three Reports. In the year 1099, in the Government's Review of the Report of the Department for that year, this is what they say:

"Government are glad to note that the detective work of the Department increased considerably. The number of cases handled rose from 1546 to 1950. The number of cases which ended in conviction also increased from 1290 to 1607 the percentage of conviction rising from 95·56 to 96·17. Speaking of cases under the Abkari Regulation in particular they increased from 1228 to 1642."

In 1100, this is what the Excise Commissioner says in his report about the senior most Assistant Commissioner who was trying for promotion as Excise Commissioner. He has been found fault with for not detecting any offence during the year:

"Assistant Excise Commissioner Mr. T. V. Ramakrishna Aiyar, B. A., is the only officer who failed to detect any case during the year under report and his neglect of this very important duty is reflected in the fall in detection work in his division. Had he been more vigilant the range officers under him would have shown a better out-turn of work under this head."

And the Government in their review have stated:

"Government note with satisfaction that the Department has been very active in its efforts to put down illicit traffic in country liquor as is evident from the increase in the number of cases detected during the year..... In the Quilon Division there has been no improvement in the out-turn of detection work. The attention of the Assistant Excise Commissioner of the Division should be drawn to this and he should be asked to show a better out-turn in future."

In the year 1101 this is what the Excise Commissioner has reported:

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